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DDOT Plans To Make 26th Two-Way

Officials of the District Department of Transportation are proposing that 26th Street, between Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street, be changed from one-way north to two-way. The proposal is being pushed by the Patton Boggs law firm located at 26th & M. Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans is a member of the firm, and has been widely quoted in favor of the change.

At the June ANC meeting, DDOT Ward 2 planner Heather Brophy explained that drivers leaving the law firm's garage on M Street (approximately 100) now need to proceed west to 28th Street, turn left and left again on Pennsylvania Avenue in order to travel east. Others who might benefit but have not come forward are residents and workers at 2501 M Street and the hotels and office buildings in the 2400 block of M, as well as two large apartment buildings planned for that block. She also stated that the 28th Street corner is the scene of frequent accidents. DDOT officials reported that the street is wide enough to allow parking as well as the two-way traffic. It was originally made one-way to accommodate truck traffic to and from the Chestnut Farms dairy formerly on the corner of 25th and Pennsylvania.

Residents Disagree; Cite Safety

Many residents of the Westbridge condominium at 26th and Pennsylvania Avenue are in strong disagreement with the proposal. They (1) see it as skewed to "a few apparently influential individuals"; (2) feel the increased traffic would be detrimental to the residents, especially the elderly and handicapped; and (3) they decry the probable loss of precious parking spaces. In an August 15 letter, the Westbridge's attorney strongly objected to the "process," which seemed to be pushing it through rather hastily during the summer months. According to the Westbridge's letter, exceptions to the 30-day rule require "good cause found and published with the notice."

The 2600 Pennsylvania Condominium Association has also gone on record opposing the change, citing the dangers and the current frequency of red-light runners. The Foggy Bottom Association also filed a letter inquiring about the seeming rush to make this change, as well as DDOT's proceeding prior to a formal study of traffic.

At the June ANC meeting, another option was dis-

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ANC Commissioners hear presentation by DDOT's Bill Rice on the 26th Street proposal.

Update

7-11 Withdraws 24-Hour Request

At a Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing held September 23, counsel for the 7-11 on New Hampshire Avenue announced it was withdrawing its application to extend the store's operating hours. The request to open the store 24-hours a day had met with opposition from the ANC, the FBA and other residents. The BZA will rule October 7 on the number of years the special exception to operate the store in a residential zone will be extended.

The 7-11 had asked that (1) its special exception to operate in a residentially-zoned district be continued; and (2) that it be allowed to stay open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Foggy Bottom Association earlier filed a letter of opposition based on the "obvious negative effects." Nearby residents would be subject to noisy students and other pedestrians, vehicular noise, and possible truck deliveries even if they are prohibited.

The ANC at its September 17 meeting heard a presentation by the 7-11. A resolution opposing the extension of hours was introduced and approved.

ZC Approves Columbia Hospital Plan

On September 9, the D.C. Zoning Commission put its stamp of approval on the proposed Columbia Hospital condominium project planned by the Trammell Crow Company. It has long had the support of the community, and plans to award substantial funds to the Foggy Bottom

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Appeals Court Rules on Campus Plan

On September 11, the D.C. Court of Appeals issued its ruling on George Washington University's suit against the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Court struck down Condition 9(a) of the BZA's order which required GWU to house 70% of its undergraduates on campus or outside of Foggy Bottom between September 2002 and 2006, calling it "arbitrary and capricious and . . . an impermissible exercise of the Board's authority." The remaining provisions of the order were affirmed. With the stay of the housing order, a ban on non-housing construction may have been lifted, allowing for other building projects to begin.

The campus plan required that the university house 70% (5600) of its then 8000 undergraduates on campus, and provide one bed for each student over that number. This ruling allows the continued housing of under-

graduates in GW-owned or -leased space outside of campus, such as the Hall on Virginia Avenue until the fall of 2006. GW had already placed freshmen in that dormitory for the 2003-2004 year, based on a temporary stay issued this summer.

Peter Lavalee of the D.C. Corporation Counsel's office indicated that the city is "gratified with the decision," despite the delay, as all other provisions of the campus plan have been upheld. Ed Gable of 26th Street feels the opinion "resulted in a score of Foggy Bottom 8 and GW 2 at best." On the Foggy Bottom Alert he characterized the court decision as "a major victory for Foggy Bottom," and hoped that President Trachtenberg will honor all other provisions of the campus plan and not "continue his effort to turn . . . Foggy Bottom into a bedroom for GWU students."

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speakers:

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and

Will Israel

Disaster Resistant Neighborhood Team
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Monday, September 29, 2003

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, October 27, 2003)

From the
President



By FBA President
Ron Cocome

As GW Grows, Our City is Diminished

By Ron Cocome

Another year in Foggy Bottom and another record enrollment at our corporate university. The Hatchet recently reported that since 1998 the undergraduate enrollment at GWU has increased by 53%; the total enrollment is now 22,000+, well over the 20,000 mandated cap. The effects of this ever-burgeoning transient population has serious implications well beyond Foggy Bottom and is continuing evidence of a city government without strategic neighborhood planning.

GWU Incorporated has a plan. The plan can be simply stated: making money and growing its real estate portfolio. Its students do not matter; our neighborhood does not matter; the District's well-being does not matter; and truthfulness and integrity get lost in the shuffle. The motto of GWU: We grow; growth is messy; you clean up our mess.

GW's "Good Faith" Effort Is Obscure

For instance, this tax-exempted non-profit university continues to argue that it is making a good faith effort to comply with the latest campus plan—a plan which it had first urged upon the city and then repeatedly challenged before the courts. Let us look at this good faith effort.

The campus plan calls for the housing of 70% of the 8,000 undergraduate population in on-campus, university-

owned housing and 100% of any number in excess of 8,000 in such housing. When discussions over this plan began there were less than 6400 undergraduates. By the time discussions were over—in an example of good faith—the university quickly pushed that number up to 8000 and the city, of course, let that chicanery stand.

Last year and again this year, when the university did not provide anything even approaching that 70% (5600) of those 8000 campus beds, did it then freeze its enrollment until that promised number was attained? Not these corporate bosses. Instead, they chose to increase the undergraduate enrollment this year to nearly 10,100. So, instead of being some 3000 beds short, it is now shy by over 5000 beds. Also, according to the Hatchet, students who were promised double occupancy rooms have been crammed into rooms with four beds. Now, is that a good faith effort, or what?

This is just one more example of our long and unpleasant attempt to cope with our unneighborly neighbor. The university president recently referred to our neighborhood as a student ghetto. The problem is obvious: too many people imported into too small an area, with no regard to the quality of life of either student or permanent resident. The solution, too, may then seem obvious. The need is for our government to

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recognize the problem and to protect its own interests—and ours.

GWU As Economic Contributor Is a Myth

The cost of this university to the city is enormous; a cost the city and the taxpayers should not continue to pay. The myth cranked out by the university is that it is a moneymaker for the District. The reality is that this corporation, masked as a non-profit, is a luxury we can no longer afford. The university's claim is that, as the largest private employer, it is indispensable to the District economy; the reality is that over 80% of its employees do not live in the District. The claim is that its students add greatly to the sales tax base; the reality is that the services they use more than eat up those tax dollars. Most of District revenue comes from our outrageously high income tax, which is borne by our permanent residents.

The myth that the university adds to tax revenue stems from the obvious fallacy that if the university were not here, the land it uses would otherwise be vacant. That may well have been true 20 years ago; it is in no way true today. If this non-profit corporation were not holding some of the most valuable and sought-after real estate in the city, the result would be a huge positive for District tax coffers. The university-occupied buildings are all off the tax rolls. In the absence of the university, those buildings would be occupied by businesses, hotels and residences—all tax generators. When students occupy apartments, they supplant permanent, tax-paying residents. I look from my window at the

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building of the new megadorm on Virginia Avenue and ask myself how much better off the District's tax base would be if this property instead were being built as a residential condominium.

Non-Profits Pose Real Costs to the City

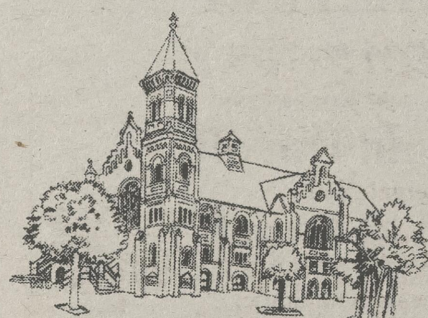
There is no question that the university should remain a vital part of the neighborhood. However, it is the size of the university, and its ever-growing student population, that are the issues. For too long it has been not the guest in our community mandated by our Comprehensive Plan, but rather the "university that ate Foggy Bottom." We need to stress the bigger picture—the real cost to the District and its tax base that this and other non-profits pose to the city, and how their unbridled growth endangers our future. Our politicians, to date, have represented these corporations well and District residents poorly. Now, we must unite with District residents outside of Foggy Bottom. It is to these fellow voters we must take our case.

When another hotel, office building, or apartment building is taken off the tax rolls, when more land is used by a non-profit, when tax-paying residents are replaced by non-tax-paying students, you and I pay those lost tax dollars out of our pockets. We are already the highest-taxed jurisdiction in the nation. To

make up for poor use of our precious space, we have seen announced real estate taxes increase by as much as 90% over the next four years, a rollback of our minimal reduction in income taxes, reduced services and deficit budgets.

The Foggy Bottom Association has created a new committee, chaired by Elizabeth Elliott, to formalize and continue the outreach to other District neighborhood and community groups begun by former FBA President Michael Thomas and reinvigorated by her in the recent past. Our Government Relations Committee continues to be ably chaired by Barbara Spillinger. You are needed to join in this effort. In addition, the District Office of Planning has offered its help. We look forward to working with that agency.

The road ahead is not easy but we in the District, especially here in Foggy Bottom/West End, are used to bumpy roads; we just need to improve our own driving skills.



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Becker Beat

Odds In Our Favor

With the most recent decision by the Court of Appeals, the residents of Foggy Bottom can take at least a short breather from GW litigation-watching (except for the Kreuzer case).

The decision order is 53 pages long, with writeups on each of the multiple arguments made by GW. Except for the section which delays the housing requirements, residents would find it encouraging reading.

This writer was struck by what appeared on the first page (although she really did get somewhat further into the decision). It was the list of organizations lining up for or against "the petitioner," GW.

The residents and the BZA had two allies: the D.C. Corporation Counsel and the Foggy Bottom Association.

On the side of GW, the petitioner, were:

1. American Civil Liberties Union;
 2. Greater Washington Urban League;
 3. D.C. Chamber of Commerce;
 4. Greater Washington Board of Trade;
 5. American Council on Education;
 6. National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities;
 7. Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area;
 8. Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington.
- Quite a powerhouse of allies, but they were on the "losing" side.

And eight-to-two: an interesting correlation to the quote from Ed Gable elsewhere in this issue, that "the opinion resulted in a score of Foggy Bottom 8 and GWU 2 at best." I'll take those odds anytime.



Residents of Foggy Bottom share the sadness of all of Ward 2 and the city at the untimely passing of Noelle Evans, wife of Councilmember Jack Evans.

Want to Get Involved?

From time to time residents ask if they can help the FBA in its efforts for the neighborhood. In response, we hope to occasionally publish projects or chores which need volunteers. Here are a couple:

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Collecting Information on Missing Street Light Base Panels. Many of the street lights in our area are missing a front panel, leaving exposed wires. They need to be identified and reported to the city, and followed up on. Info: 293-1439.

New and renewed FBA members: Members are always needed. A membership form is printed in this issue for your convenience. You will be supporting your neighborhood civic association and the card enables you to receive discounts at various merchants around the area. The Discount List is also printed elsewhere in this issue.

Evelyn Manning



Evelyn Manning, long-time Foggy Bottom resident, died July 19 at the age of 83. A native of Le Mars, Iowa, she joined the Department of State in 1942, and during her career worked in Africa, Italy, the Near East, Hawaii, Japan, France, Great Britain, Colombia and Venezuela. Having attended only one year of college before joining State, she earned her bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from George Washington University between 1966 and 1976. She retired from State as Chief of the Records Management and Research Branch in 1999.

Evelyn, who lived on 21st Street, was an author of short stories and was known for her devotion to horseback-riding and to the horses she owned.

Her life was celebrated at a memorial service at the Newman Center on F Street, where she regularly attended Mass. Her funeral and interment were in Le Mars, Iowa. She is survived by her brothers Gerald and Jack (a member of the GWU Board of Trustees).

Marjorie Wheatley



Marjorie Wheatley, 79, who lived for many years at the Elise on New Hampshire Avenue, died August 9 of congestive heart failure. She was in a nursing home in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts at the time of her death. Ms. Wheatley had been employed by the Agency for International Development in Washington for many years as a specialist in AID's Asian Bureau, working in Thailand, Vietnam and Hong Kong. She was a member of the Foggy Bottom Association Executive Board from 1997-1998. She is survived by two brothers who live in Massachusetts.

October FBA Meeting Has Presentation on Disaster Preparedness

The October meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association will feature two representatives of the Disaster Resistant Neighborhood Team of the American Red Cross' AmeriCorps. They are Lynn Ducoff and Will Israel, who will discuss preparations residents can make for potential natural and/or man-made disasters. The program also encourages

an organized effort at the neighborhood level to share responsibility for disaster safety.

The meeting will be held at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend. There will also be reports on "current events," especially over the summer, in Foggy Bottom and West End.

National Night Out Held in August

The 500 block of 22nd Street was designated a community picnic area on the afternoon of August 5, when the annual "National Night Out" was marked by residents and the Metropolitan Police Department. The weather "cooperated" as the large gathering of residents, MPD officers and campus police enjoyed hot dogs, pop-

corn, soft drinks and lots of conversation. Official hosts were Lt. David Hutchinson of Police Service Area 207 (west of 22nd Street) and Lt. Philip Lanciano of PSA 208. Commander Jeffrey Moore of MPD's Second District also attended. Some of the residents who attended were FBA President Ron Cocome, FBA Board members Elizabeth Elliott, Joe Chaplick, and Ellie Becker, also FBNews Editor.

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United Welcomes New German Pastor



The United Church's congregation on August 30 welcomed a new German pastor at a community supper. She is Pastorin Rita Horstman, who will serve the German-speaking congregation through May 2004. The new minister previously served a church in Kaarst, near Dusseldorf. She recently "set aside" retirement in Cologne and the training of seminarians to join the United staff.

New Art Class Begins at St. Mary's Court



St. Mary's Court is welcoming back a distinguished "alumna" of Foggy Bottom as Cathy Miller embarks on "Dabbling with Art" classes each Tuesday morning. Ms. Miller for many years owned and operated Natural Day Care center on K Street until the spring of 2002, and was in large part responsible for the small children's play area which is part of the 26th Street Park. Sponsored by the Court and by IONA Senior Services, her extensive art training will be put to good use each Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Info: call 659-5645 or ask at the front desk at St. Mary's, 725 24th Street, N.W. The classes are open to all residents of the community.

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cussed, that of making M Street two-way, citing fairly light traffic on M Street from 23rd to 26th. A DDOT report also outlined but did not recommend making 25th Street one-way north and 26th one-way south. Richard Price, a resident of the Westbridge and ANC Commissioner for the area, described "no change" as an option as well. According to Bill Rice, DDOT spokesperson, there is no definite timetable for the change.

DDOT Hurries the Process

The notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the D.C. Register on August 8, and stipulated that DDOT officials were waiving the required 30-day comment period. Later DDOT hurriedly set a meeting for September 15 to hear comments prior to making a presentation to the Foggy Bottom/West End ANC on September 17. The ANC went on record opposing the change in the absence of a wider study of nearby traffic.

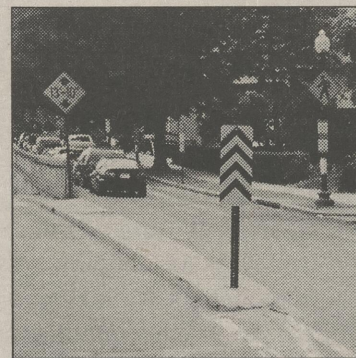
At the September 15 meeting were two residents of the Westbridge, two Patton Boggs representatives, and several DOT employees. Ellie Becker, as a member of the Ward 2 Transportation Policy Committee, also attended. The primary concerns expressed by the residents were pedestrian safety, and the fact that this proposal seemed premature and precipitous in the face of a promised comprehensive traffic survey of the area.

After the September 15 meeting, Anne Harvey from the Westbridge commented: "I was not comforted by the fact that DDOT's spokesperson, Bill Rice, disappeared immediately into a private meeting with the two Patton Boggs reps."

Actions & Efforts

Another Sign Saga

In the 2400 block of Virginia Avenue is the site of a split in the street, separating the service road to 23rd Street from the underpass. At that spot is a small raised platform shown in the photo, sporting a warning sign which had



been requested by a resident starting in 1993.

From her Columbia Plaza balcony, Rita Champagne has witnessed or heard a long series of automobiles run into that platform, especially during the night when the lighting is very poor.

When she first reported it in 1993, she "was assured that the problem would be addressed." In July 2001, she again discussed it, this time with an engineer working on the Virginia Avenue bridge and street repair project which, as we all know, has been ongoing for months and months and months.

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Bob Ludwig of GWU, in a press statement, said "it appears we can now move forward . . . with planned academic, recreational and other facilities." One movement in that direction is the demolition of the old GW hospital building which has already begun. According to a recent

Lo and behold, on August 21, 2003, the sign was mounted!

Unfortunately, on August 23, it was knocked down!

Talk about the best of intentions gone awry.

A Department of Transportation engineer has assured her another sign will be mounted, and when the street is repaved he will have distinct yellow reflective lines added to replace the badly-worn white lines currently leading up to the island. Ms. Champagne also suggested better signage, perhaps one directing traffic to ongoing Virginia Avenue (left), and right to 23rd Street/Virginia/Route 66, etc.

Two Residents Marshall Attack on Rats

Two residents of 26th Street, **Peter Maye** and **John George**, marshalled a resident and city attack on rats seen this summer in the area. They produced a flyer advising neighbors of the problem, and contacted both the city and the Terminix firm. The notice gave tips on eradicating the rodent population which plagued the entire area this year due to heavy rains and other factors. They had high praise for **Ronnie Harrington** of the D.C. Rodent Control Division who responded to their calls quickly and was extremely helpful.

article in the GW Hatchet and earlier statements, officials are still deciding on plans for the space. The hospital property is a very large parcel between Pennsylvania Avenue, I Street, and 22nd & 23rd Streets. It is just across the street from the new hospital and the Foggy Bottom Metro station.

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Critic's Corner



By Bob Anthony

City Museum Highlights D.C.'s 200-Year History

To Show Real People Who Live Beyond the Monuments

One hundred years after the Carnegie Library on Mt. Vernon Square was dedicated as the main branch of the city library, this Beaux Arts building has been refurbished and reopened as the City Museum and the home of the Historical Society of Washington, D.C. The first regional museum about D.C. includes an archeology lab, a reading room and a research library as well as a visitors center. In a city filled with many great sights, the City Museum might be "hit or miss" in the competition for the tourist's time. Sure winners are the ex-

hibits starting with "Washington Perspective" on a huge lighted floor map of the District surrounded with photos, videos, and artifacts of the 200 years of D.C. history. Changing exhibits are planned to show the story of the real people who live beyond the monuments and the Mall and highlight many Washingtonian neighborhoods.

However, the visitor might well want to miss "Washington Stories," a 22-minute media show which attempts to be comic entertainment. This edgy presentation starts with a hologram tour guide giving a slide show which keeps breaking down. Videos of U Street mixed with talking portraits of Washington, Lincoln and Pierre L'Enfant (who insists on being called Peter) are other clever distractions. The history that the museum presents is interesting enough not to require this gimmicky addition. Permanent. (Reviewed by Sheila Wickouski)

Annual United Sale Set for October 22-23

The United Church will hold its annual Fall Sale on Wednesday and Thursday, October 22 and 23, from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. The church invites residents to come and sample the baked goods and bargains for sale, as well as to partake of the specialty, a German plate (wursts, sauerkraut and German potato salad). Contributions of baked goods and sale items (from living rooms, closets, attics and basements) are welcome, including plants, housewares, books, and "almost-antiques." Items for the sale may be dropped off through October 19, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. using the 20th Street door. The sale's proceeds benefit the projects and mission work of the church, such as the food pantry distribution for those in need.

The specialty plate is known far and wide, and if

Cocome Names Committee Heads

At the first Executive Board in August, FBA President Ron Cocome named the heads of FBA committees for the coming year:

Joe Chaplick, Community Improvement Committee
Thalia Johnson, Editorial Committee
Ed Gable, Membership Committee
Jackie Lemire, Public Relations Committee
Barbara Spillinger, Liaison to ANC2A, D.C. Government and GWU
Elizabeth Elliott, Liaison to D.C. Neighborhood Associations

The Strategic Planning Committee will be headed by Ron Cocome. Delegates to the D.C. Federation of Citizens Association will be Barbara Spillinger, Ellie Becker, Thalia Johnson, and Elizabeth Elliott, with Lucille Molinelli as alternate.

the past is any indication, lots of hungry folks line up to sample the fare. Suggestion: come early!

D.C. Stamp Issued September 22



A new 37-cent stamp for the District of Columbia was officially introduced in August and issued on September 22. The new stamp is the latest in a series for each state of the Union, and depicts a part of L'Enfant's original plan for the city, scenes from the Mall, the cherry blossoms, and townhouses in the Shaw neighborhood. Designed by Greg Berger, it is also unique because it is diamond-shaped rather than square or rectangular, and is reminiscent of the original shape of the District before the portion in Virginia reverted to that state.

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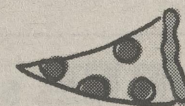
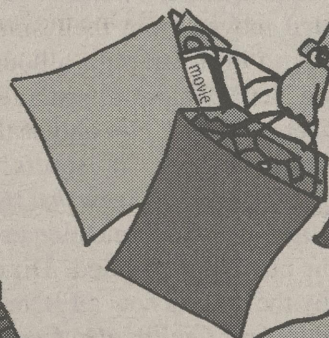
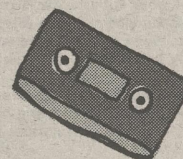
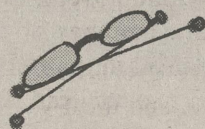
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FOGGY BOTTOM'S OCTAGON HOUSE

A lot of people in Foggy Bottom were curious when Charlie Norris posted a "For Sale" sign in the front yard at 801 25th Street. The turreted, red-brick 3-story structure at the corner of 25th and H Streets suddenly assumed an air of mystery. Some began calling it the Foggy Bottom "Charles Addams" house, harking back to the New Yorker cartoonist of weird people living in a spooky Victorian home.

Those who borrowed a key from Charlie and entered cautiously found a shambles -- rotted out floors, plaster falling off walls and ceilings, stairways narrow, creaky, and uncertain, and cobwebs everywhere. All three floors were served by a shabby, rusty bathroom squeezed into a former hall bedroom after outdoor facilities were no longer legal.

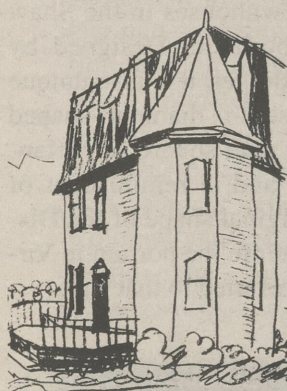
But a certain charm shone through despite the dreary squalor and the former questionable occupancy. Visitors found the fine tower at the southwest corner commands an unsurpassed view of the Potomac and the hills of Virginia beyond, looking down H Street. This view can never be interrupted if the Inner Loop cuts under H Street and Virginia Avenue nearby as planned.



It was the view and the tower that caught the fancy of Melita Rodeck, who bought the property. Melita, an architect, who owns an apartment in Potomac Plaza, is bustling with plans for the restoration of her house with the tower and the view, and the other evening she let us see the blueprints.

The old Charles Addams house under Melita's planning will become Foggy Bottom's own "Octagon House". The big Octagon house is, of course, the American Institute of Architects' National Headquarters, located in Col. Tayloe's mansion at 18th and New York Avenue. Historically the shape was popular for baptistries in early Christian architecture. Again there was a vogue for it in the latter nineteenth century.

The tower character will be repeated by a new terrace of octagonal shape and again by an irregular kitchen, which will counterbalance the tower. Finally the top of the tower will be opened with a dormer window giving a full and clear view of the river. A garden and patio will surround the house on 3 sides. Melita has an intricate landscaping scheme on the drawing board.



The house will be not only a designer's delight but also a first class example of mid-20th century functionalism: bathrooms on every level, abundance of storage, air-conditioning.

This is the first time that Melita the architect is working for Melita the client. She confesses to a new insight into the client's unhappy conflict between the reaches of taste and the capabilities of the purse.

Besides her private project, Melita has two other jobs of sizeable proportions on her boards. She is designing Al Wheeler's 18 luxury town houses to begin this month on the new Queen Anne's Lane between 26th Street and Hughes Mews, a million dollar project, and also a large downtown office building which she is doing for a real estate developer.

Melita was born in Milan, Italy, and educated at Vienna Polytechnic. She is a painter and sculptor as well as an architect. Since 1939, when she settled in the United States, she has worked with architectural firms and done architectural work for the Air Force.

done architectural work for the Air Force. She set up her independent practice after she moved in Potomac Plaza in 1958, and soon after was joined by her faithful assistant, Bernice Abbott.

Her father is an engineer -- he and her mother live in Watertown, N. Y. -- and her brother Ernest is in an allied vocation; he is a builder, in Australia.

She remodeled President Eisenhower's hangar at Andrews Air Force Base into a VIP Airport, where Ike meets visiting dignitaries -- that's where he met Mr. K last fall. Among other projects, such as schools and hospitals, she helped to design the magnificent new Medical Center for the National Institutes of Health in nearby Maryland.

What she will do with her Octagon House when restoration is complete in July Melita hasn't decided. She plans either to sell her apartment and live in it -- or vice versa. But either way, Octagon House is designed as a home and office combination for a professional, or to be used entirely as living space.

Foggy Bottom Folks

The Eastern shore of Maryland has finally "had its way" with its former resident, **Anne Lomas Charles** of 25th Street. Anne and her husband **Bob Charles** have



Ellie Becker and Jackie Lemire pose at a small going-away party for Anne (l) and Bob Charles.

moved to Chestertown, near her family and close to the water they both cherish. Both Anne and Bob have been very active in the neighborhood over the years. Bob is a past president of the FBA, was extremely active in local Democratic politics, and masterminded the elaborate and widely-televised opening ceremonies at the Foggy Bottom Metro station in 1976. (The ceremonies were great fun, very imaginative, and the TV coverage totally eclipsed the station Mayor Barry opened that same weekend!) Anne is a past Board member and FBNews editor, was on the ANC, and is the recipient of FBA's 2003 Olga Corey Award (see separate article). They are two major Foggy Bottom Folks who will be sorely missed.

Just down the street from the Charles house is the lovely round-towered home of **Melita Rodeck**, who moved in early September to Thomas House on Massachusetts Avenue. As a young architect, Ms. Rodeck was hired to renovate the house in 1960, and liked it so well she

bought it herself. During her career she restored many houses in the city, including several in Foggy Bottom. An active member of St. Stephen Martyr Church, she also was the architect for the original designs of the church hall. A going-away soiree was held

She will no doubt be accompanied on her route by the resident canine named Cider.

Moving considerably farther away this summer was **Karen Lamb**, who lived in a charming home on 25th Street with an equally charming canine. The canine, named Pumpkin, universally exhibited the tendency of his Bichon breed to flip over on his back so passersby could scratch his tummy. It happened so often many wondered that it wasn't "scratched away to nothing." After many years with Metro, most recently as head of customer relations, she chose to "retire" to the Southwest. (She retired from Metro but not from the working world.) She is making her home in Scottsdale, Arizona, close to her parents and away from cold, wet weather which did not suit her "health and welfare."

And wedding bells pealed for **Alan Alper** of New Hampshire Avenue, who wed his lady **Marina Streznewski** in August. Sometime in July you could view preparations, as his garage was being cleared of extraneous material, making way for some of Marina's belongings. The nuptial ceremony was a small one, but a larger party preceded it here in D.C.

And speaking of clearing out, **Shibu Dhar** and **Diana Tiberi** (Diana was mostly responsible) did a big clearing out and more than sprucing up at the former not-so-spruced-up house next to the 711. A lot of interior repairs, resulting from tenant abuse and water damage, went into the house, as well as new windows and a fenced, paved and landscaped front yard. Doesn't look like the same place!

And another welcome makeover is the house on K Street which was purchased some time ago by St. Paul's and also does not look like the same place. Its somewhat distinctive front was dark and dingy, and has been transformed by skillful repair and sprucing up. According to **Melva Willis** at the church, final decisions on its use are yet to be made.

On Thursday, August 7, Mayor **Anthony Williams** paid "a neighborly visit" to St. Mary's Court. While participating in a 1:00 p.m. Ice

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Cream Social, Mayor Williams invited residents and community seniors to share in an open forum of questions and answers. All those who attended expressed their gratitude for the Mayor's visit, his second in less than a year.

James E. Richardson has been appointed the new chief operating officer at the GWU Hospital, reporting to CEO Daniel McLean. He will oversee the daily management of the hospital's professional and support services.

Delighted to see the story in the West End Guide on our own resident bird lady and professional pastry chef, **Ann Brown**, about whom you may have read in this column earlier. In late August she and the team from the Smithsonian were able to catch (just temporarily by design) a whole bevy of our local winged wildlife and band many of them. One day they caught too many to band and had to settle for little wing-clips instead. Ann has certainly increased awareness of the local birdlife in the neighborhood. Now if they would only stay away from my car!

There is a new captain in charge of Fire Station 23 on G Street. He is **Edward Smith** who reported to the station during the summer. He com-

mands the station as well as Shift No. 1. A firefighter for 11 years, he was named a sergeant in 1997, a lieutenant in 2002, and captain this past June. For seven years he was at Station 10 in the Trinidad area of Washington; this station was named in a national firehouse publication as the busiest engine in the nation. (Engine 23 seems pretty busy to this writer, who can hear and watch the frequent trips it makes down Virginia Avenue.) In charge of Shift No. 2 is Lt. **Kelvin York**; Lt. **Joseph Washington** leads shift No. 3, and Shift No. 4 is the responsibility of Lt. **Felicia Arthur**.

And across the street at the School Without Walls Senior High School **Sheila Mills Harris**, former Assistant Principal, was named as the new principal of the school. She has been Acting Principal since the former principal left earlier in the school year.

Diane Bell, who lives on I Street and is a member of GWU's Women's Studies faculty, has been awarded a fellowship by the American Council on Education. She will be spending the next collegiate year at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, focusing on relationships among the senior administrative officers, and between the university president and the board, the legislature, business and industry, and the community. While she is away, **Brian Smith**, who works for National Geographic, and **Ian Fairweather**, recently retired from Nickelodeon in Aus-

tralia, will "hold down the fort" in her house.

And a much smaller newcomer lives on New Hampshire Avenue. He is **Enrique Provencio**, born May 1 to **Carlos Provencio** and his wife **Kate Edmonds**. Enrique shares his home with two handsome canines, Akitas named Mikado and Bonsai.

Another small resident is celebrating his first birthday as this issue comes out. He is **Lucas Morena**, who lives in one of the historic Cooper Houses on K Street. His parents, **Anna** and **Hector**, previously lived at Columbia Plaza.

After almost a score of years as a resident, student, ANC candidate and GW employee, **Greg Scoma** has left Foggy Bottom for wider horizons. (Greg ran for ANC but

lost by one vote!) Most recently with the university police as security and safety coordinator, he is joining IBM and will be involved with homeland security matters. In March Greg married a lady named **Rodica** in Tirgu Mures, Transylvania, Romania in a ceremony complete with a horse-drawn carriage conveying the bride to the cathedral. Both are studying for master's degrees; hers is in the medical field, as she is a physician not yet able to practice in the U.S.; his is in security management. Best wishes to them both.

FB's resident cabaret singer, **Roz Freund**, was awarded a grant this summer by the Washington Commission on the Arts and Humanities. The funds are to help her promote her talent and a CD of her songs entitled "Flying Colors." It features Steve Ross, a well-known New York cabaret singer, and has been played at the Corcoran Gallery's Jazz in the Afternoon series, at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage and at the Levine School of Music. She's in the market for a piano accompanist for performances who likes to perform on a low budget. She can be reached at St. Mary's Court.



WG Gallery Highlights Eva Jacob

All during the month of October, the Watergate Gallery is mounting a solo exhibition of work by local Foggy Bottom artist Eva Jacob. The show, entitled "Passages," will be on display from October 1 to 31, and her paintings of favorite locations in Georgetown, the C&O Canal, Maine Avenue, and "walking around my neighborhood—Foggy Bottom and West End"—will be seen. Ms. Jacobs especially finds water "a special challenge and delight."

In addition to her painting, Ms. Jacobs has used her extensive art training in posi-



tions as an art gallery curator, a reporter on the arts, and as a policy and planning officer for the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Watergate Gallery is located at 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W., and an reception will be held on Friday, October 10, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. For information call 338-4488.

Brasserie is Now 600 Restaurant

It has a new name, but all else remains the same. The former Brasserie, located at 600 New Hampshire Avenue, decided to take make the change, partially to avoid a conflict with a similarly-named spot elsewhere. We're told that the cuisine has not changed, nor has the management and staff. But it does have the advantage of making it easy to remember the address, doesn't it? The exact new name: 600 Restaurant at the Watergate.

A series of obstacles to business as usual has occurred for the restaurant over the past year. There was some kind of seemingly endless construction which closed one room as well as hampered easy access to it and its neighborhoring Cup-A-Cup-A and New Hampshire Valet. Then this summer some of the regular crowd-drawing events at the Kennedy Center were cancelled, decreasing the pool of potential diners. Now the street in front has been narrowed and congested by Kennedy Center construction.

We hope the new name will bring good luck and continued good business. By the way, the 600 Restaurant at the Watergate is an advertiser in and supporter of the FB-News, and offers a discount to FBA members.

GW Hospital Sets Women's Heart Program

GW Hospital has announced the development of a comprehensive program which is devoted to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease in women. Heart disease is the #1 killer of American women today; in fact, 53 percent of female deaths are the result of heart disease.

The program will offer risk assessment and screening, prevention strategies, support and educational programs, as well as advanced care and research, according to clinical director Dr. Susan Bennett. To take advantage of this unique program's assessment and treatment options, call 715-5400.



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May-August Homes Sales Heavy

The listing below shows the home sales in Foggy Bottom/West End during the late spring and summer. The information is provided by Caroline Coates and Suzanne Foss of Coates Realty (333-0017).

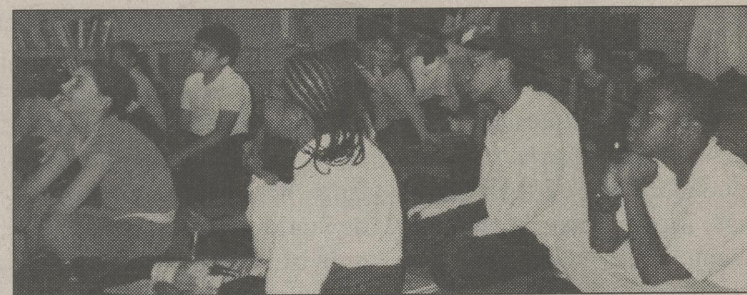
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2141 I, 8th fl.	President	0/1	105,000	5/3
3 Wash. Circle	10th fl.	2/2	455,000	6/13
950 25th, 8th fl.	Claridge House	1/1	168,000	6/16
922 24th, 7th fl.	Jefferson House	0/1	136,000*	6/19
2141 I, 2nd fl.	President	1/1	164,500*	6/19
2515 K, 8th fl.	Bader	0/1	158,000*	6/27
2515 K, 5th fl.	Bader	1/1	209,000*	6/28
1140 23rd, 9th fl.	Gibson	1/1	255,000	6/30
955 26th, 6th fl.	Griffin	2/2	530,000*	6/30
2401H, 9th fl.	Bonwit Plaza	1/1	170,000	7/7
2531 Queen Anne's		3/2/1	595,000	7/7
1140 23rd, 7th fl.	Gibson	1/1	240,000	7/9
955 26th, 2nd fl.	Griffin	2/2	449,900	7/15
1001 26th, 4th fl.	Poto. Overlook	2/2	395,000	7/15
2501K, 7th fl.	Barclay House	1/1/1	285,000	7/16
2141 I, 4th fl.	President	0/1	127,000*	7/18
940 25th, 8th fl.	Claridge House	0/1	124,000*	7/24
2555 Pa., 3rd fl.	Westbridge	1/1/1	350,000*	7/24
2555 Pa., 8th fl.	Westbridge	2/2	620,000	7/29
2141 I, 6th fl.	President	0/1	120,000	7/31
950 25th, 10th fl.	Claridge House	1/1	220,000*	8/1
922 24th, 2nd fl.	Jefferson House	0/1	159,000*	8/6
2141 I, 8th fl.	President	1/1	126,000*	8/6
2475 Va., 2nd fl.	Potomac Plaza	1/1	220,000*	8/6
950 25th, 9th fl.	Claridge House	1/1	192,500	8/8
2501 K, 3rd fl.	Barclay House	1/1/1	338,700*	8/8
2515 K, 3rd fl.	Bader	0/1	150,000*	8/10
730 24th, 9th fl.	Potomac Pl. Terr.	1/1	250,000*	8/15
903 Hughes Mews		3/2/1	615,000	8/15
2141 I, 1st fl.	President	0/1	125,000	8/21
955 26th, 3rd fl.	Griffin	2/2	404,000	8/22
940 25th, 2nd fl.	Claridge House	0/1	109,500*	8/28
730 24th, 7th fl.	Potomac Pl. Terr.	1/1	243,000	8/29
2600 Pa., 8th fl.		2/2	690,000	8/29
955 26th, 4th fl.	Griffin	1/1	335,000	8/30
2510 Va., 11th fl. N	Watergate	0/1	170,500	unknown
900 24th	F.B. Mews	3/2	449,000	unknown
800 25th, 10th fl.	Plaza	2/2/1	820,000	unknown

*These properties sold for more than the asking price.

Library's Reading Programs a Hit Fall Programs Begin

As the summer vacation of 2003 fades into another school year for West End area students, the West End Neighborhood Library celebrates a successful summer of literacy action that provided hundreds of children and young adults with two significant reading programs. The "Summer Quest" and "Holla' Back" programs encouraged youth ages 5-19 to embrace the joy of reading during their holidays and set the stage for continued encouragement with a new series of reading programs this fall.

For the past 20 years the D.C. Public Library has hosted the "Summer Quest" reading program. This year's theme, "Blast Off for Reading," engaged readers ages 5-12 in interactive reading activities along with the goal of reading 10 books. Participants at West End Library were also treated to performances by magician Joe Romano, storytellers Diane Macklin and Debra Mims, and the Maryland Science Center. The Summer Quest 2003 program sponsors included the DCPL Foundation, Inc., Reading is Fundamental,



D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation; ABC-7, Institute of Museum and Library Service, Junior League of Washington, and McDonald's.

The end-of-summer party, sponsored by the Junior League and the Friends of West End Library, was held at the library on August 26 to acknowledge all participants and to recognize the session's top readers. The participants from area centers (Capitol Kids, Huckleberry Cheesecake, Bright Horizons-GW, Bright Horizons-IMF, and the Rose Park Recreation Center) feasted on brown bag lunches while enjoying a performance by Lula's Circus. Three children, Joel Battle (5th grade), Daniela Perna (2nd grade) and Caraina Coman (6th grade) were honored as the library's top readers.

The summer of 2003 was also the inaugural year of the "Holla' Back" program. This new young adult summer reading initiative, targeting youths between the ages of 13 and 19, combines the goal of reading eight books in the summer with a writing component. Participants were en-

couraged to write, and submit, book reviews. Prizes were awarded for every two books read and bi-weekly lottery drawings were held to grant additional prizes to those who submitted book reviews. Four teens from the West End Library completed the program which earned each a gift certificate from Border's: Tenesa Brown, Paige Eustace, Bibie Saykanya and Imran Hassain.

As fall approaches, West End Library turns the page on its programs:

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
PreSchool film
Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
Story Hour for Twos
Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
PreSchool Storyhour
Saturday (alternate)
10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Toddler Stories

The West End Neighborhood Library can be reached by phone at 724-8707. Branch hours are Monday and Wednesday 1:00-9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The branch is closed on Fridays and Sundays.

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Association for support of the project and for its release of an earlier restrictive covenant.

The company plans to rehabilitate the historic central portion of the former hospital and construct two wings to the east and west. The project will include approximately 235 condo apartments, 325 parking spaces, and 28,000 square feet of retail. In addition, an agreement was signed by the D.C. Department of Employment Services to hire D.C. residents for 51% of all new jobs created, as well as 51% of apprentices. The developer has also agreed that 80% of the residences will be owner-occupied.

A hurdle still to be overcome is the approval of the Historic Preservation Review Board, which has held several hearings but has not yet approved the design.

Court Denies Kreuzer's Injunction Request

Judge James Boasberg of the D.C. Superior Court has refused to order a halt to the construction of the so-called "superdorm" at 23rd Street & Virginia Avenue. Don Kreuzer, the owner of three townhouses adjacent to the dorm, had requested it, charging that the university is extending its south wall several inches over his property. As reported in the July FBNews, university surveyors found that the north wall (party wall) of his house lay over the property line but failed to inform him. The university opposed the request, and

stated that it would prevent the completion of the housing needed to meet the requirements of the campus plan.

The judge, however, said that the Kreuzer's suit for damages to his property is not without merit, inferring that monetary damages could be assessed. While he did not find that the university's actions were "nefarious," he did state: "That is not to say that [GWU] has acted in the most helpful or neighborly fashion." The case will be heard before a jury next year.

FB Road Construction Continues

Traffic in Foggy Bottom during the summer has been and continues to be snarled by multiple construction projects.

1. Virginia Avenue. Road repairs on this heavily-traveled artery should be easing by the end of October. Major work has been done between 22nd Street and Rock Creek Parkway, following repair of 23rd Street and its two bridges over Virginia Avenue and E St.



Orange cones and roadbuilding equipment may soon disappear from Va. Ave.

The work has included new curbing on the sides and median strip, laying of red brick or gray stones in the median, new light fixtures, and repaving and new lane marking.



2. In preparation for unveiling its grand entrance, the Kennedy Center is constructing a new sidewalk on the south side of F Street at New Hampshire Avenue. One lane is now closed, and F Street just west of New Hampshire is temporarily one-way. The new curbing and sidewalk work, as well as resurfacing of F Street, is due to be completed by the end of the year.

3. The D.C. Department of Transportation is resurfacing various lanes of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, starting with the curb lane of the Virginia-bound road. The blocking of the lane is caus-

CFA Turns Down F Street Dorm

On July 17, the Commission on Fine Arts refused to approve a 14-story dormitory GW wants to build in the 2000 block of F Street. The building, designed to hold 500+ beds, was to be 120 feet high on property zoned for 90 feet, necessitating a zoning change. The site of the planned building is on the north side of F Street just west of the Francis Scott Key dormitory, and is currently a parking lot. Because the proposed building is within an area of "federal interest," the Commission on Fine Arts, a federal agency, is required to review building projects such as this dormitory. The university, according to Michele Honey, GW Director of Architecture, Engineering and Construction, plans to return to the Commission and also to file an application with the D.C. Zoning Commission for a planned unit develop-

ment. A so-called "PUD" allows greater density than allowed under regular zoning, and the builder must provide "amenities" to the community. In a July Fact Sheet, GWU listed the proposed amenities as "more on-campus beds,... 1000 square feet of retail space, . . . superior design and attractive landscaping, and increased security presence in the neighborhood."

GWU, if it is to comply with the Campus Plan, must house 70% of its undergraduates (and almost all of its freshmen and sophomores) within the campus boundaries by 2006. An editorial entitled "Too Tall for F Street" in the Georgetown Current stated: "Although the university does have 920 beds under construction . . . , [it] unquestionably needs to build additional dormitory capacity—to meet both its legal obligations and its civic responsibility. If it does not, the only way it can meet the [BZA] requirements . . . is through a dramatic cut in enrollment. . . . It appears unlikely that administrators would choose that course." The editorial goes on to chide GW for "schemes such as a gray facade" on the F Street building, and strongly suggests that an alternative is to immediately plan "a substantial residential component" on the site of the former hospital.



Roosevelt Bridge repairs cause long lines on Potomac River Expressway.

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ing heavy backups of autos traveling the Potomac River Freeway from Virginia Avenue and 27th Street, especially during evening rush hour.

4. Traffic and sidewalk closings will also take place during construction of apartment buildings in the 2400 block of M Street. The south lane of M Street will be closed during the two years of construction to accommodate truck traffic; in addition a crane will be installed on 24th Street necessitating the closure of the sidewalk. Several temporary closures of the curb lane on 25th Street will occur, and the developer will make available several overnight parking spaces in the building garage as a substitute for residents who usually park there.

5. According to The Washington Post, there will be sidewalk closures and temporary road closures during the demolition of the GW hospital.

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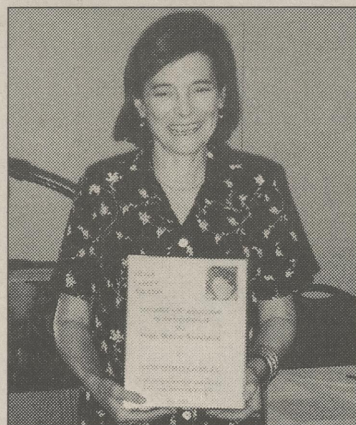
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Early Alert for St. Mary's Bazaar

Lorenzo Smith of St. Mary's Episcopal Church has issued an "early alert" for contributions of items for the church's white elephant sale to be held Saturday, November 8. In addition to a delicious lunch, original fall and Christmas items, and a bake sale, a white elephant sale will be held. Items for the white elephant/flea market (to benefit AIDS patients) may be left at the church during normal business hours. It is located at 728 23rd Street, N.W.

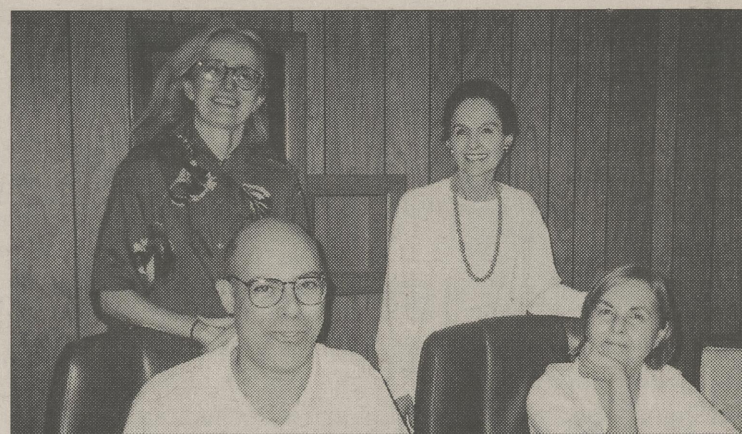
The event is the historic church's Annual Fall Bazaar, and will be held rain or shine, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Outside vendors are welcome. For information call 333-3985.

Corey Award Presented to Anne Charles



At the June FBA meeting, Anne Charles received the Association's Olga Corey Award, presented for "advancing the quality of residential life in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood." During her years in the area, she has been an ANC Commissioner, FBA Secretary and Board member, FBNews Editor and longtime News deliverer. She

was also cited for the "hundreds of times when she showed up, pitched in, followed through, passed along good ideas, kept people informed and cared a lot about FB." Ellie Becker, who presented the award to Anne, said "she probably does not herself remember how often she was relied on—neighborhood cleanups, working on the 26th Street park, the famous big Foggy Bottom block parties and white elephant sales on Eye Street, assisting Bob Charles in staging the grand, grand opening of the Foggy Bottom Metro station in 1976, getting signatures on all kinds of petitions, working the polls for various candidates, and on and on." Also cited was her close friendship with Olga Corey, "and in fact she was one of the friends who realized something was wrong,



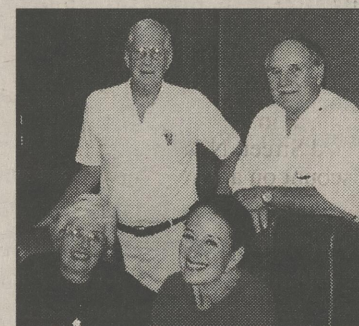
FBA President Ron Cocome, and Board Members Dawn Gustafson (seated), Elizabeth Elliot and Thalia Johnson (standing) during August FBA Executive Board meeting.

FBA Executive Board Elected in June

At the June FBA meeting, Ron Cocome was re-elected president, Barbara Spillinger vice president, and Bob Vogt treasurer. Chosen as secretary was Mike Malloy, and Ed Gable became membership director.

Re-elected to the Board were Joe Chaplick, Thalia

Johnson, Lucille Molinelli and Sol Shalit. New members elected were Elizabeth Elliott and Dawn Gustafson. Jackie Lemire and Ellie Becker remain as ex officio members.



Ellie Becker and Jacqueline Lemire (seated), Ed Gable and Bob Vogt (standing).

alerting authorities who found that [Olga] had passed away in her apartment." Anne has been a doer and an exceptionally good neighbor, deserving of the recognition and appreciation shown by this award.

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Tajikistan Chancery Planned for N.H. Avenue

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cials, providing housing for the latter. Tajikistan is located just west of China, northeast of Afghanistan and north of Pakistan. Its capital is Dushanbe. The application was brought before the ANC-2A in September, with a zoning hearing set for September 30.

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NSO Celebrates New Season with Ball & Concert

By Marcy Monahan Dolan

The National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leonard Slatkin launched its new season with a new tradition: the Opening Concert and Ball were paired on one evening: Saturday, September 20. The Ball, one of the area's oldest social events, is also the symphony's largest fund-raiser, underwriting performances, education, and community outreach. The year the Ball was chaired by Ann and Tom Friedman and sponsored by General Dynamics.

The 2003 opening concert featured acclaimed Russian baritone Dimitri Hvorastovsky, who stepped in at short notice for diva Angela Gheorghui. Mr. Hvorastovsky, an international opera star, was greeted with standing ovations for selections from Verdi, Thomas, and Tchaikovsky. The noted baritone has been featured in concert halls across Europe, America, and the Far East. Maestro Leonard Slatkin led the NSO in a spirited, classical program, ranging from Berlioz to Bernstein, and ended the entire performance with an encore.

The guests, including many Washington luminaries, were greeted by pre-concert fanfares from the Washington Symphonic Brass. After the concert, dinner was served to 800 Ball-goers in the South Gallery and Atrium, transformed into a rose garden with golden accents. Music and dancing followed in the newly remodeled Roof Terrace Restaurant, designed by New York architect Thierry Despont as an American take on a French brasserie. The restaurant, closed all summer, opened on September 17.

Marcy Monahan Dolan will be contributing articles from time to time, some of which will involve news from "our little neighborhood theater."

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MPD Again Vows Zero Tolerance

By Ellie Becker

Officers of the 2nd District police have promised a policy and practice of zero tolerance toward behavior which keeps residents awake, as well as other alcohol-related infractions.

Calls to report students (or others) disturbing the peace should be made to 311, the non-emergency number. The policy to be enforced dictates that when police are called they will warn the offenders to be quiet. A second visit will involve a fine, and a third may result in the owner or leaseholder being arrested. Residents are told not to hesitate to call a second or third time if the disturbances do not cease. It is helpful to leave a phone number so officers can contact you if necessary.

If MPD officers do not respond to multiple calls to 311, report this inaction to 2nd District, Commander Moore the next day at 282-0042.

In addition, residents are encouraged to report the infraction to the GW University Police (UPD). While the UPD is not authorized to take any action outside of university property, it is required to make a report to university officials for possible referral to the student judicial process when a student infraction is reported to them. The phone number for UPD is 994-6110. You may also ask that the UPD obtain a copy of any MPD report on the incident.

Neighborhood Datebook

Sunday, September 28: Ninth Annual Sunday Brunch at St. Mary's Court, the annual major event for raising funds for the Court's varied programs. This year is the kick-off for the facility's Silver Anniversary, for which a variety of events are planned. The brunch features delicious food, entertainment, raffle prizes and a silent auction. For information and reservations call 223-5712. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. \$30. 11:00-2:30 p.m.

Monday, September 29: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Lynn Ducoff and Will Israel, facilitators of the Disaster Resistant Neighborhood program designed to promote disaster safety for individuals and families on a neighborhood level. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. All residents welcome. 7:30 p.m.*

Monday, September 29: "A Spectacular Evening with Steve Martin," comedian, actor and filmmaker. \$30; members \$25. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 7:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, September 30: Piano concert, featuring Javier Ovira, performing de Falls, Brahms, Chopin, Scarlatti, Rodrigo and Abeniz. \$20; members \$15. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 7:00 p.m.**

Saturday-Sunday, October 4-5: D.C. Open House, presented by Cultural Tourism D.C., is a weekend-long exploration of the District's local treasures. Events will include free walking tours and admission at more than 50 sites in 12 neighborhoods. It also includes hikes and bike rides. The newly-opened City Museum will serve as welcome center. Info: 661-7581 or www.DCOpenHouse.org.

Sunday, October 5: A celebration of World Communion Sunday in a bilingual German-English service will take place at The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. Info: 331-1495. 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 6: Cabaret concert by Nat Chandler, baritone, and Joseph Thalken, pianist, composer and Broadway conductor, performing songs by Richard Rogers. \$25; members, \$20. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday-Sunday, October 8-12: "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward, about an author who receives a ghostly visit from his dead wife, is being presented by the GWU Department of Theatre & Dance. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. Call 994-6178 for tickets. 7:30 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. on Oct. 12.

Friday, October 10: Opening Reception for "Passages," an October 1-31 show featuring work by Foggy Bottom artist Eva Jacobs. Watergate Gallery & Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Info: 338-4488. 6:00-8:30 p.m.*

Friday, October 10: Pops concert by cellist Fred Blachly, accompanied by pianist Larry Kolp. Blachly lives at Potomac Plaza, and they invite FB residents to attend. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 13: A Day at the Races, sponsored by the Parish Hall Committee and the Women of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Planned are transportation, buffet lunch and races at the Laurel Park Race Track. Info: 581-4444 or 291-6226. \$42. Bus leaves from the Carter Barron Parking Lot on 16th Street at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 15: Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A. Location to be announced. Info: 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, October 18-19: "Bookfair 2003," sponsored by associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide. Featured at the 43d annual sale will be used books, art, stamps, coins and collectibles. State Department C Street entrance. Info: 223-5796. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Also **October 25-26.**

Sunday, October 19: "The Octagon and Its Neighbors: A Photo Safari," a walking tour and workshop presented by the Octagon, the museum of The American Architectural Foundation. Architectural photographer E. David Luria will provide photography instruction, and visit adjoining photogenic sites as well as the interior of the Octagon Museum itself. Octagon Museum, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. Info: 638-3221. \$45; members \$40. Rain or shine. 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 20: "The Irreverent, Irrepressible, Irresistibly Ironic Fine Art of Advertising" book signing, featuring Barry Hoffman, author of "The Fine Art of Advertising." He will conduct the audience on a tour of "the people, trends, products and images that have contributed to the mix-master culture we wake up to every day." \$16; members \$12. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, October 22: Concert by French harpsichordist Blandine Ranou performing music by Bach, Rameau, Duphy and Couperin. \$20; members \$15. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday-Thursday, October 22-23: Annual Fall Sale at The United Church, featuring a German meal (wurst, sauerkraut and potato salad) served both days from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and on Wednesday evening from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Also available are freshly baked cookies and breads, as well as other "treasures" for sale. The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. Info: 331-1495. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.*

Thursday, October 23: "Washington, D.C.: A Retail Renaissance" reception and panel presentation to welcome retailers who are opening their doors in this area through 2005 (e.g. H&M, Target). \$25; members \$20. Corcoran Gallery of Art. 6:30 p.m.**

Saturday, October 25: Community clean-up, sponsored by the GWU Student Association, with students and community members working under the theme of "Neighbors at Work." Meet at Kogan Plaza, H Street between 21st & 22nd Streets, N.W. Info: e-mail mmai@gwu.edu or SA office at 994-7100. 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.

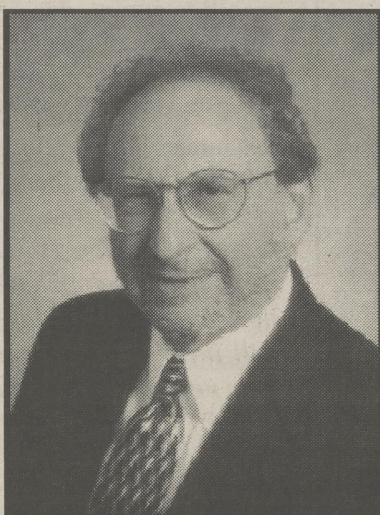
Sunday, October 26: Community Block Party, sponsored by the Friends, a group of residents and George Washington University personnel. Planned are music, food, drink, and information booths. Eye Street Mall (at Foggy Bottom Metro). Info: 333-7837. 2:00-6:00 p.m. (Rain date November 2.)

Monday, October 27: Foggy Bottom Association meeting; program to be announced. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 8: Cleanup at 26th St. Park. Volunteers needed for cleanup and gardening. Details in November FBNews.

* See story elsewhere in this issue.

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